

**Minutes**  
**Inter Agency Coordinating Committee Meeting**  
**May 20, 2003**

**IACC DUTY STATEMENT:** The primary duties of the IACC organization are to 1) Improve interagency coordination and to promote Statewide consistency in NPS Programs; 2) To promote a watershed approach in addressing NPS pollution; 3) To provide a forum for resolving policy and programmatic conflicts among agencies.

**MAY MEETING GOAL STATEMENT:** To strengthen coordination with groups working on watershed and agricultural NPS issues, and to wrap up the five-year implementation plan development process.

**ATTENDEES:** Kelly Briggs (RWQCB5), Lori Webber (RWQCB5), Lisa Sniderman (BCDC), Jessie Smith (SWRCB), Michael August (DPR), Gary Fregien (DPR), Kathy Brunetti (CDPR), Barbara Todd (CDFA), Diane Edwards (SWRCB), Cookie Hirn (SWRCB), Clay Brandow (CDF), John Turner (DFG), Jack Gregg (CCC), Derek Lee (CCC), Margie Lopez Read (SWRCB), Mark Rayback (Caltrans), Sam Ziegler (USEPA), Craig Lekven (DBW), Claudia Moore (CIWMB), Mindy McIntyre (CDFA), Kent Kitade (DFA), Renee Hoyos (Resources Agency), Syed Ali (SWRCB), Tom Filler (SWRCB), Stephen Fagundes (SWRCB), Trinda Bedrossian (DOC), Lisa Ohara (DOC), Dominic Gregorio (SWRCB), Ken Coulter (SWRCB)

**Telephone Attendees:** Marc Beyeler (SCC), Macaria Flores (RWQCB4), Dale Hopkins (RWQCB2), Amanda Byrne (RWQCB3)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements made at the IACC meeting included the following information:

- **Critical Coastal Areas Information Exchange Forums:** The first set of forums will take place on the Central Coast in mid-June with additional meetings for other coastal areas to follow in July. These forums will introduce the CCA program, and invite participation by community members and other interested stakeholders. At each forum we will explain how the program works, the criteria used to identify CCAs, the procedure for revising the CCA list, and the pilot project selection process. There will also be an opportunity for the public to provide input on the water quality and land use issues in each CCA's watershed, to aid in the selection of a regional pilot project.
- **Stream and River Protection and Restoration Workshop:** The CCC is hosting a two-day workshop (June 12-13) in Oakland for all interested IACC members and their staff. The instructor will be Ann Riley of RWQCB2. The workshop is free and there are still openings!
- **California 2003 NPS Conference:** The conference is to take place from November 5 to 7 in Ventura. The organizers are still looking for presenters to share information on NPS pollution control and prevention projects supported by Federal and/or state funds (e.g., CWA Section 319, and Propositions 204 and 13).

- Coastal NPS Conference: Jack Gregg (CCC) and Lisa Sniderman (BCDC) attended this conference that took place from April 28 to May 2 in Virginia. They participated in, among other topics, discussions regarding management measure implementation and tracking, and ways to collaborate with other NPS-related programs. Jack has proposed to the conference organizers to move the conference to California next time.

### **CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD'S IRRIGATED LANDS WAIVER**

Kelly Briggs of RWQCB-5 gave a presentation on the waiver. The presentation, in PDF format, has been emailed to all IACC members. Kelly presented the background of the waiver, its requirements, and methods of compliance. There were good discussions regarding the definition and organization of “watershed groups”, and how the IACC could provide assistance and coordination. One of the important roles for the IACC could be the provision of BMP information. There is a need for information on BMP cost and effectiveness. The IACC’s Agriculture Subcommittee will coordinate with Kelly to initiate the dialogue. Contact Kelly if you need more information regarding the waiver or their program in general.

### **UPDATE ON THE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ken Coulter of the SWRCB gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan and the recent MOU between Cal/EPA and the Resources Agency. An electronic copy of the MOU has been emailed to all IACC members. Ken also provided a summary sheet at the meeting. The MOU has been signed to: (1) Improve coordination and integration of watershed policies, funding, and program implementation; and (2) Provide advice and recommendations to the Agency Secretaries for awarding grants for local watershed plans and projects for the benefit of local watershed management efforts. A California Watershed Council is being established to provide a forum for public participation in implementation of the MOU. The first meeting of the Council is set for June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Council will consist of Federal, state, and local stakeholders. One of the tasks of the Council will be implementing the California Watershed Strategic Plan, which is still in the works.

### **CALIFORNIA OCEAN PLAN AMENDMENTS AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT THE AREAS OF SPECIAL BIOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

Dominic Gregorio of the SWRCB gave a presentation on proposed ASBS-related amendments to the California Ocean Plan. Areas of Special Biological Significance have been around since the 1970’s. Recently, they have been renamed “State Water Quality Protection Areas”. People can find the latest update regarding these WQPAs on the SWRCB’s website. Dominic also passed out some copies of the report entitled, “State Water Quality Protection Areas, Areas of Special Biological Significance”. Two new requirements regarding WQPAs will be incorporated into the amended Ocean Plan. These are: (1) Point source discharges into WQPAs are only allowed under special, limited circumstances; and (2) NPS pollution shall be controlled to the extent practicable. Dominic is working on defining “special, limited circumstances” and “to the extent practicable.” Lastly, for certain pilot WQPAs, surveys have been

conducted to assess the numbers of discharges and natural flows. The survey results will be released this fall.

### **FIVE-YEAR PROGRESS REPORTS & A NEW APPROACH TO PRESENTING THE ASSESSMENT RESULTS?**

Jack Gregg of the Coastal Commission presented the new idea of having each agency prepare a two-page fact sheet to be incorporated into the State's progress report. Each fact sheet would contain the agency's mission, the purpose and goals of participation in the State's NPS Program, the agency's specific contribution to the forum, specific tasks, and roadblocks. Concerns were raised regarding the timing of performing this task at this moment as the deadline for submitting the progress report is rapidly approaching. In addition, workload is an issue. It was suggested instead that the IACC prepares two-page summary sheets based on land use categories. This might work better considering all the interagency partnerships among the IACC members. The group tentatively agreed in the end that the land use summary sheets would be a priority at this time. The agency fact sheets would be prepared in the future for "advertising" purposes, and to be placed, for example, on each agency's website or the overall IACC website.

### **FINAL DRAFT OF THE FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLANS – CATEGORY NARRATIVES, AGENCY COMMITMENT LETTERS, & NEXT STEPS**

Margie Lopez Read of the SWRCB presented the final format of the State's five-year implementation plan and explained that a category narrative will precede each category of activities. The draft plan and category narratives have been emailed to all IACC members for review. The next 2-3 weeks will be critical to review of this information, and finalizing of the draft Five-Year Plan, which will be submitted at the end of June. The IACC members should critique this plan with an eye for how you wish your agency to be best represented in the NPS program. Comments and changes on the narratives and five-year plan activities should be submitted to the SWRCB and CCC by June 13. By June, the facilitators (that means the SWRCB and CCC) will also review the narratives to ensure that they adequately summarize the proposed activities. Margie asked for permission to edit some of the long activities to make sure that they are compatible with the desired presentation format.

**NEXT MEETING: July 15, 2003.**